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#### THE GRUMBLER.

He sat at the dinner-table With a discontented frown—
"The potatoes and steak were underdone,
And the bread was baked too brown.
The pie too sour, the puilding too sweet,
And the roast was much too fat; The soup so greasy, too, and salt, Sure 'twas hardly fit for the cat."

"I wish you could cat the bread and pies I've seen my mother make;

They are something like, and 'twould do you good
Just to look at a loaf of her cake."

Said the smiling wife: "Fil improve with age,
Just now I'm but a beginner. But your mother has come to visit us, And to day she cooked the dinner."

-Lizzie M. Hadley, in Good Houckeeping.

A CUP OF TEA.

Not Inebriates. Literature of the Plant That Has Made Its

Way Through the Wide World-Old

Ideas as to Its Harmlessness. It is curious that while the Chinese claim a remote antiquity for nearly all the products of their long-arrested civilization, they give what to them is a comparatively modern date for the introduction of tea into the Celestial Em- picture be forgotten in this connection, pire. And even then they trace the origin if only to give the original form of the of the article to a myth. They tell us modified words chosen as the title of that about the beginning of the sixth this sketch:

century in our present reckoning, one Darma, a prince of high principle and great piety, landed among them and gave up his life wholly to devotion. He entered no temple, but, living in the -open air, gave day and night to prayer very early in the use of tea as to the and the study of God's work in nature, amount of the infusion which one might his aim being to so purify his life that in safely take. Several medical men had the end he would become absorbed into pronounced it not only safe itself, but the Divine Presence. He had an idea as conducive to health; and a Leyden that if he could only conquer sleep so physician, writing in 1671, commends it his mind might be forever alive to the as a panacea for almost every ailment impressions and seenes around him, and and does not think that 200 cups daily tracted vigil, he at length fell into a India Company. At the same time, ter was. profound slumber; but instead of wak- there have been tea drinkers whose ap- Well, these two men were busy ing up with a sense of comfort and re- petite for the beverage was virtually enough now. Ninety per cent, of their freshment, it was in shame and humilia- insatiable. It was not unusual for eggs, had, by the magic of oil and pipes, tion that he opened his eyes, and in an Robert Hall, the divine, to swallow become a brood of fifty-four hundred agony of grief over his failure to keep twenty cups at a sitting. To Johnson, velvety little chicks that looked to them awake he took a knife and cut off the of- as already indicated, the beverage for food, care and cover. It was wonfending eyelids. Returning after a time never came amiss. There is a story in derful how in that wild land these to the spot where this extraordinary which Sir Joshua Reynolds is credited little birds thrived and grew. The perpenance was performed, he was amazed with reminding him that he had just centage of loss was singularly small. to find that the eyelids had taken root and drunk eleven cups. "Sir," said John- They became vigorous out there in the developed into fragrant and beautiful son, "I did not count your glasses of mountain air, where were no poisonous shrubs. He plucked some of the leaves | wine, why should you number my caps | surroundings to cause sickness and and eating them felt like a man trans- of tea?" Then he playfully added, "If death. In a few weeks the two friends formed. A new joy possessed his it had not been for your remark, I had five thousand chicks that within mind, a new courage animated his should have released the lady from any | ten days would be ready for the hotel body; he had found an elixir that con- further trouble; but you have reminded and restaurant tables. They sat down quered sleep and made persistent watch- me that I want one of the dozen and I and planned. They fitted up with fulness a certainty. It was in this must ask the lady to round up the coops the wagon they had; they brought fashion, say the Chinese, that the tea number." The story does not end in the other horse from the hills and plant came into existence. The story is here, for we are assured that as John-made preparations for two trips weekly, not so meaningless as it appears on the son was sipping his twelfth cup he told one of forty-five miles to Sorocco and

in China to make use of the plant. much of a rarity that a gift of a custom last century of first serving the few pounds of it to the sov- leaves between thin slices of bread and ereign in 1664 was considered butter and eating them as a delicacy. a magnificent present. In 1667 a conevery chink," could hardly be expected and we have the satisfaction of know- Butte City (M. T.) Miner. to be partial to any such mild form of ing that, while tea is now cheaper than dissipation. Steele was no doubt less ever in England, it has not fallen off in prejudiced, but even he speaks bitterly quality.—Leeds Mercury. of the new custom of ten drinking. "Don't you see," he makes one of his characters say of women, "how they takes his life in his hands; and at all De bus'ness dat makes drunkards swallow gallons of the juice of tea, hazards speaks the word which is given only thrives when dar is er sober man while their own dock leaves are trod- him to utter, whether men will hear or at de head o' it. den underfoot?" This, however, was forbear, whether the end thereof is to Nine times outen ten de man what is but echoing the views of economists of be praise or censure, gratitude or ha- allus er sayin' dat man is got er the times, who had said that if such a tred .- Whittier. decoction were to become a necessity it

backbiting. There is a letter in the Unsuccessful Venture of Two Young Gentleman's Magazine for 1735 finding The courts have decided that refusing to fault with ladies "who make their teatake newspapers from the post-office, or reanoving and leaving them uncalled for, is
prima facie evidence of INTENTIONAL FRAUD
table the mart to dispense scandal and son, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad that
attack reputations," and later we have is now a thriving, bustling metropolis, a writer in the Connoisseur bewailing and the county seat of the rich county the loss of time and the profanation of of Socorro. Ninety miles distant are the Sabbath consequent upon Sunday the San Mateo Mountains, in which the evening tea drinking. The beverage celebrated Block range lies, with its had by this time become pretty much a former mining metropolis, called Chlortavorite at social gatherings through- ide. Five years ago, at a point midway out the country and neither the econo- between these then baby camps, two mists nor the wits could counteract young men conceived the brilliant idea what was quickly becoming a popular of fortune, and at once put it into pracdemand. Beside, tea had its champions tice. On the side of a clear stream of as well as its detractors. Dr. Johnson mountain water at the foot of a hill that came to the rescue among others and shut off the cold winds of the north and boldly confessed himself "a hardened was sheltered by the surrounding hills and shameless tea drinker, who has for on all sides they built a cabin and a many years diluted his meals with the chicken-hatching machine. Near tubes infusion of this fascinating plant, whose or pipes kept well heated by oil they put kettle has scarcely time to cool; who in place six thousand eggs for incubawith tea amnses the evening, with tea tion. During the twenty-one days necsolaces the midnight and with tea wel- essary for hatching they saw no one, comes the morning." When we get to and avoided even the few Indians who The Beverage That Cheers but Colley Cibber, we find the beverage passed in solemn file through the trails apostrophized in this fashion-"Tea, leading across the range. At night, thou soft, thou sober, safe and venerable like the milkmaid in the story, they liquid; thou female tongue-running, counted how many chicks they would smile-smothing, heart-opening and hatch without the mother hens, how wink-tipping cordial, to whose glorious many would die, and at what price they insipidity I owe the happiest moments would sell the remainder when large of my life." Waller has the lines:

The Muse's friend, ten does our fancy aid, Repress these vapors which the heal invade. And keeps the palace of the soul serene, Fit on her birthday to salute the Queen.

Nor should Cowper's delightful home

Now stir the fire and close the shutters fast, Let fall the curtains, wheel the sofa round: And while the bubbling and loud-hissing urn Throws up a steamy column, and the cups That cheer but not inebriate, wait on each, To let as welcome peaceful evening in.

The question seems to have arisen

surface. Apart from its spiritual signifi- low, on one occasion, being invited to return, the other forty-five miles to cance, we see in the legend that from a party to be made a lion of, he had his Chloride and return, each trip going an early period tea was regarded as a revenge by swallowing twenty-five cups out to be loaded with "broilers" or preventive of drowsiness; and this, in- of tea and not treating his hostess to as "stews" and returning with greenbacks deed, is the recommendation given to many words. The right method of and gold. Never did two men feel it by those Jesuit Fathers who are sup- preparing tea for drinking was not more light-hearted and apparently with posed to have been the first Europeans at first easily understood. The Chinese better cause. The five thousand chicksay we have not mastered the secret ans had cost them exactly twenty-three We do not find mention of tea in yet; but we have undoubtedly improved literature earlier than the sixteenth upon the instructions left by an They had expended several hundred in century. Certain Italian writers who authority in the last century, whose ad- preparations for hatching, feeding, etc. flourished then speak of it, and one of vice was either to boil and drink the them, anticipating Cowper, describes it liquid when the leaves settle to the botas "a delicate juice which takes the tom, or steep the tea overnight in cold place of wine, and is good for health water and boil in the morning before other remained to watch, feed and house and sobriety." Tea must then have drinking. Crude as this system was, it the flock. Three days was the allotted found its way into Europe, and the was preferable to boiling the leaves and time for a trip. Only at the expiration Portuguese were probably the first to then eating them with butter, pepper of the fourth did the wagoner return. import it. It was not, however, until and salt, as was done in some country He had lost money on the cargo o about a century later that it was places in ignorance of the proper use of "spring broilers." Next morning, with brought into England. It was so the plant. There is reference also to a five hundred more, the other partner,

The distinguishing names for tea are siderable importation of the article was not expressive, as is generally supposed, chickens with him! There was not a humade into this country, the amount be of particular varieties of the plant. man being in Chloride-even the cabins ing nearly five thousand pounds, but it They relate chiefly to the conditions looked lonsome there. A council was found by no means a ready sale. This under which the leaves are picked. The called. It consisted of the two men and was owing, perhaps, less to the price principal black teas are Bohea, Congou, the chickens. The last had little to say than to the prejudice with which En- Souchong and Pekoe; while green teas on the occasion. It was decided that glish people in the first instance regarded the beverage. When it was first Gunpowder. Of the black varieties tract the entire lot at cost, then, with offered in our markets from £6 to £10 Pekoe stands first, and of the green their original capital in hand, and swala pound was asked; a little later £2 10s. Gunpowder has the preference. The lowing the loss of a season's work, they was accepted. Garraway, of coffee Pekoe consists of the buds and very would "strike out" for new fields. Early house fame, was retailing it in 1657 at young leaves and is gathered early in next morning, mounted on the fastest from sixteen to fifty shillings a pound. spring. The Souchong is the result of horse of the two in camp, the partner In his advertisement he states that "in the second picking, which is made about started. Reaching Socorro, he saw that respect of its former scarceness and dear- the beginning of May. Congou is the it was unusually full of people, and his ness it hath been only used as a regalia name given to the third gathering, and heart leaped for joy. In ten minutes in high treatment and entertainment Bohea is a late leaf. Of the green teas, after his arrival, however, he heard a and presents made thereof to princes Hyson is a gathering of tender leaflets erier yelling: "Kansas chickens, only and grandees;" but a better era had and Gunpowder is a selection of Hyson. forty cents a pair, or twenty cents now dawned and Garraway tells us he The Twankay is the last crop of apiece!" Inquiry disclosed the fact "first publicly sold the said tea in leaf the season. China continues the print that the Kansas people, where fowls are and drink according to the directions cipal source of the English supply of almost grown without cost, had shipped of the most knowing merchants and tea, though we now import largely also car-loads to that market. The partner travelers in those Eastern countries, and from Assam and India. In the United spoke not a word to a Socorro man. upon knowledge and experience of the States the Japanese variety is at least Remounting, he rode back to the "oil said Garraway's continued care and in- as extensively used as the Chinese. The hatchery." A short consultation was dustry in obtaining the best tea and fact that other places than the Celestial held. It was determined to hurry out making drink thereof, very many Empire now cultivate the tea plant is a of the country lest somebody should noblemen, physicians and merchants benefit to the consumer, not only in come and take their horses. And then and gentlemen of quality have a larger supply of the article, but as a these young men turned loose in those ever since sent to him for the protection against adulteration. The mountains five thousand fine, fat spring said leaf and daily resort to this house best quality of tea never leaves China; chickens, ready for the table, to become to drink the drink thereof." Even it is too precious a commodity there. food for the coyotes, hawks and foxes. Garraway's reduced scale of prices Besides, to enjoy tea in its choicest They made their way out by degrees. and accomplished brewing failed to flavor it must be used when perfectly The writer met them months after in create any great demand for the new fresh and this freshness is impaired by the town of Albuquerque, Barnadillo beverage and most of the writers and the drying processes to which the leaves County, a New Mexican metropolis afterwits of the time are found satirizing it. must necessarily be subjected for ex- ward and now. They were saddened Shadwell talks of it as something "for port. The effect of competition, how-women and men that live like women;" ever, upon the Chinese merchant has for one of the most successful and best but Shadwell, on Dryden's showing, had the effect of making him more men in that country. They are both tobeing "round as a tub and liquored careful in the "sorting" of the article day at work in Butte, and doing well.-

-Honor to the true man ever who fool den I has fur er cruel wise man.

was ridiculous to pay heavily for what | - "Pa, have you got the hydropho De man what doan know nuthin' but could just as easily be made out of sage | bia?" "No. Bertie; what makes you book l'arnin' is all right long ez he is in and bramble leaves. Another com- ask that question?" "Well, I heard de parlor, but he ain't much ercount plaint of the period against this ma say to-day that you got awfully bit when he gits out inter de woods.-Arnew fashion of tea drinking was | ten when you thought she had a fortune | kansaw Traveler. that it gave rise to gossip and in her own name." - Harper's Bazar.

#### HATCHING A FORTUNE.

Men Who Expected to Make Millions. There was a little town on the Atchienough to broil, to the hungry goldhunters who, it was expected, would swarm the new towns of Socorro, the terminus of the railroad, and Chloride -the future Butte of New Mexico.

Every dollar these two pioneers had was invested in their grub, a rude incubator and many eggs, secured at great cost and by various methods. They became nervous as the twenty-one days passed. One morning one ran breathlessly into the cabin, where the other was wiping the tin plates used at a "fried-sowbelly" meal with an old pocket-handkerchief, and cried out:

"They're coming; thousands of them are coming. Heaven, we're rich!" Plates were dropped, and to the spring-chicken machine both hurried. Sure enough, there they were. Little hens and little roosters of very tender in constant meditation on the unseen, would be too much even for a moderate age, but so bright and apparently the sublime purpose he had before him drinker! This, however, was interested happy that the two boys fairly danced would sarely be attained. The weak- testimony, the physician in question and made the mountain hollows ring ness of the flesh, however was too much having, it is said, been brought over with their songs. Hungry coyotes for this enthusiast. Worn out by his pro- for the purpose by the Dutch East skulked off, wondering what the mat-

cents apiece to raise, equal to \$1,150.

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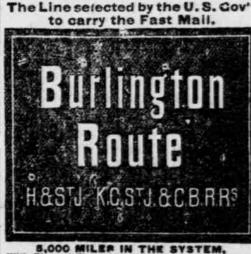
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